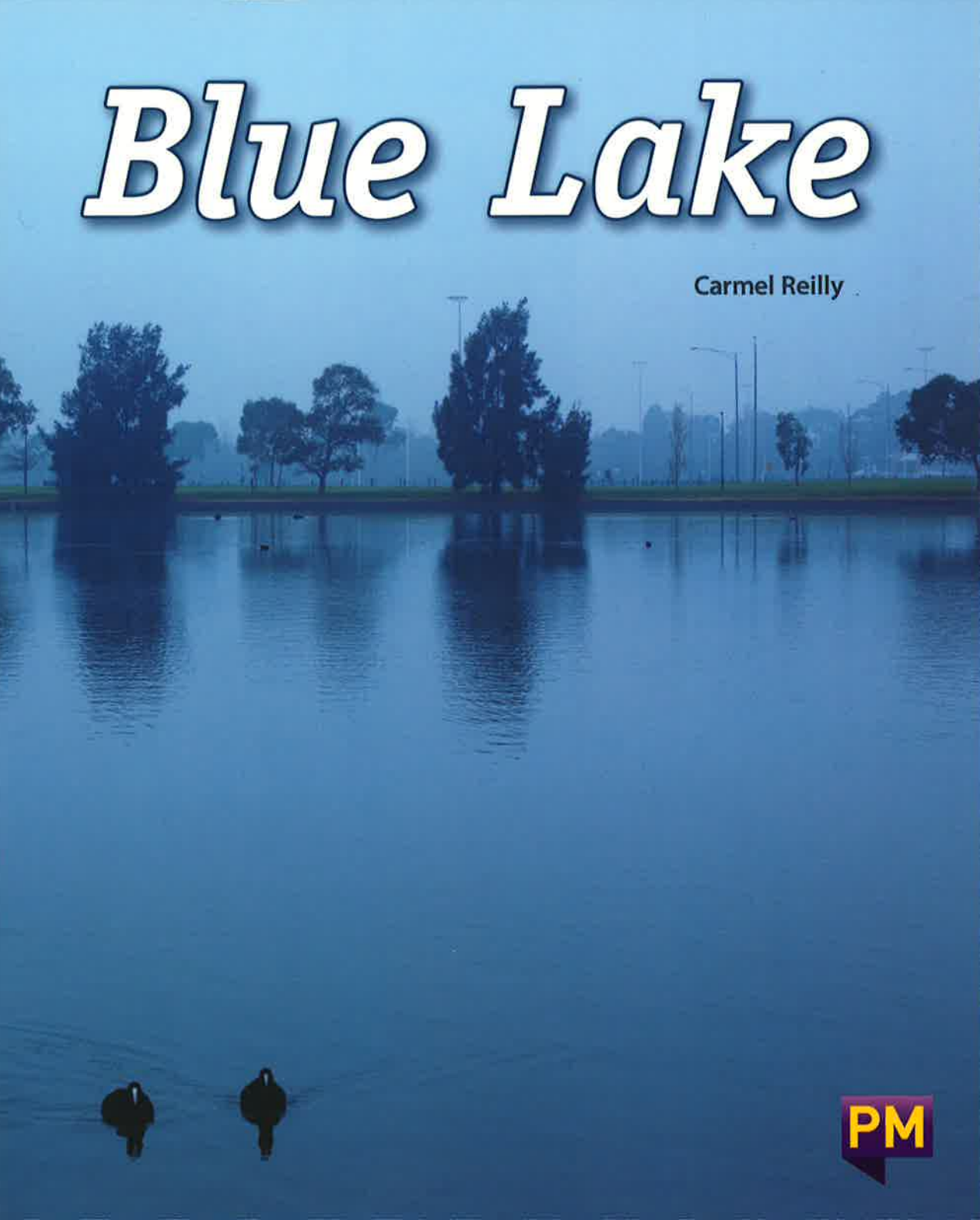
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Level 19

Running Words 458 **Text Type** Description (Informative)

Curriculum Areas Literacy; Science

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the description in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Where is Blue Lake?

2 Why is there a café at Blue Lake?

3 When are sail boat races held at Blue Lake?

Inferential

4 Why do lots of people like to walk or run in the park?

5 Where are the banks of the lake?

6 Why do some birds build their nests in tall grass?

7 Why do people practise rowing before they go to work or school?

8 Why do park rangers talk to people about Blue Lake?

Applied Knowledge

9 What kinds of photographs would people take at Blue Lake?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

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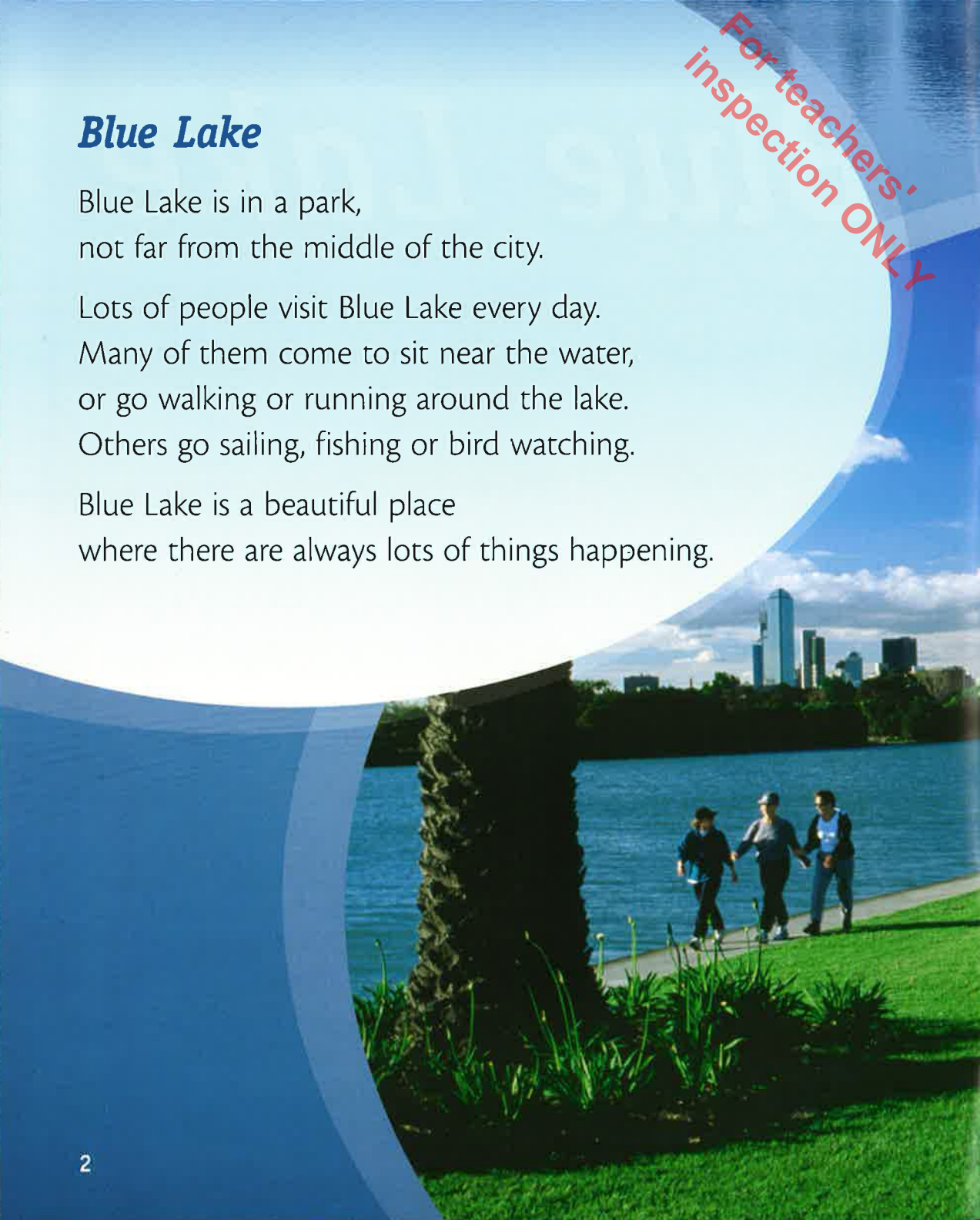
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Blue Lake is in a park,
not far from the middle of the city.

Lots of people visit Blue Lake every day.
Many of them come to sit near the water,
or go walking or running around the lake.
Others go sailing, fishing or bird watching.

Blue Lake is a beautiful place
where there are always lots of things happening.



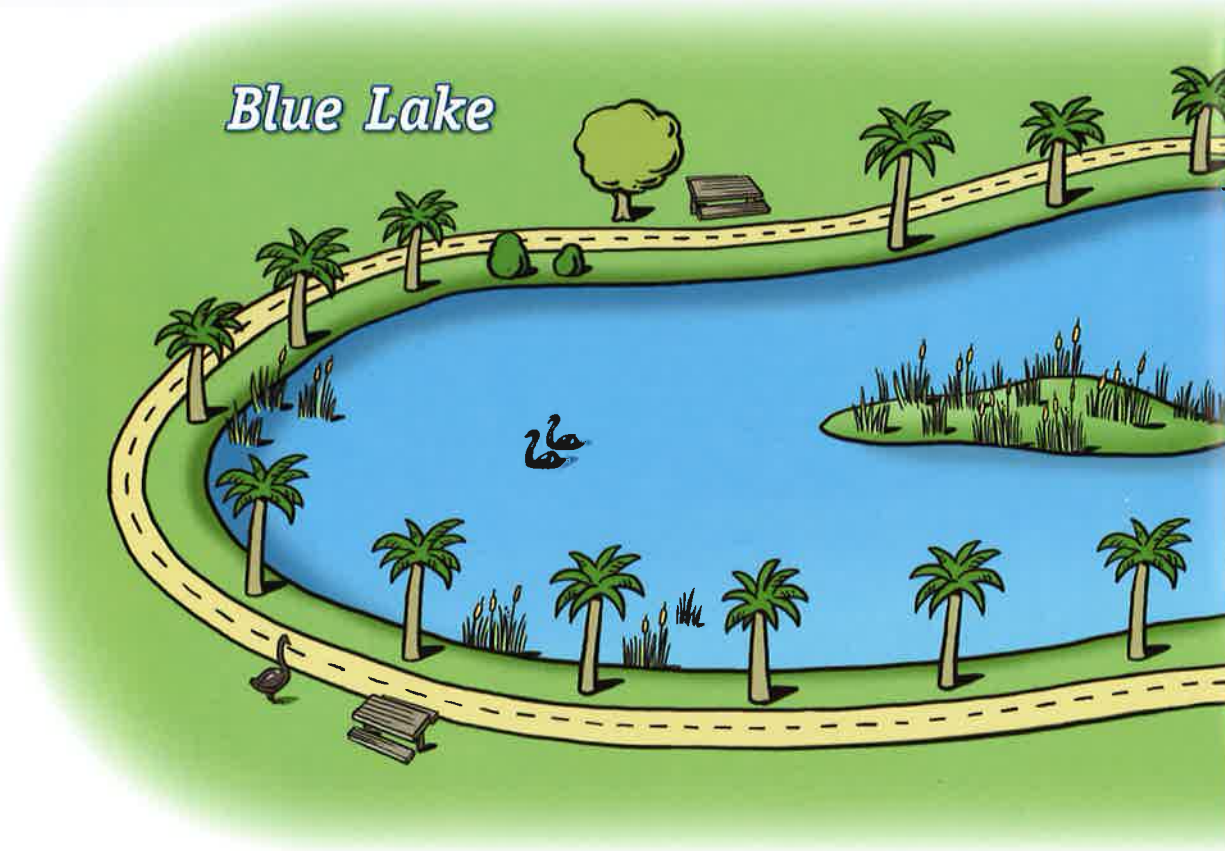


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Blue Lake is not very wide, but it is quite long.
It has an island in the middle that is covered with tall grass.

Lots of trees grow on the banks of the lake.
There is a track along the side of the lake
for walking and running.



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At one end of the lake, there is a **jetty** where boats can be tied up.
Near the jetty is a café, where people often stop to buy something to eat.



KEY

café	jetty	track
island	picnic table	tree

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Plants and Animals

Many kinds of plants grow in the water and along the banks of the lake.

Fish and **eels** swim in the water, and more than 100 kinds of birds live close by. Many of these birds live by eating the fish and water plants.

Some birds build their nests in the grass or in trees on the banks of the lake.





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Other animals, such as small rats, bats and reptiles, live around the lake, too.